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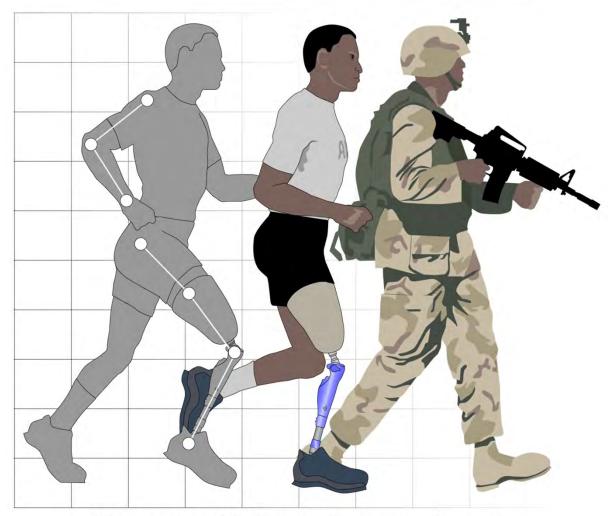
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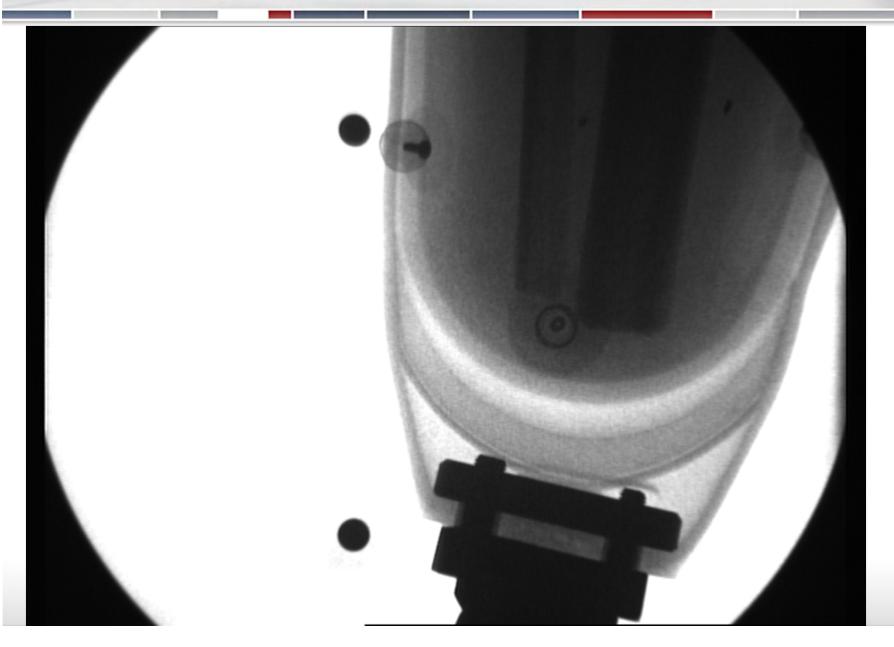
Measuring Motion to Enhance Function

Factors Limiting Performance



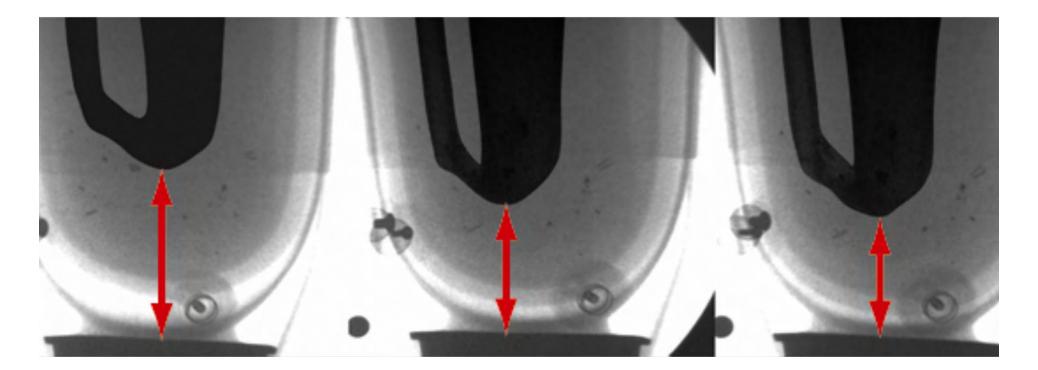
- Injury Severity
- Socket Fit Limb-Socket Dynamics
- Prosthetic Functionality
- Orthotic Function
- Walking Stability Fall risk
- Training Type, Timing, Dosage
- Energy Consumption
- Comorbidities





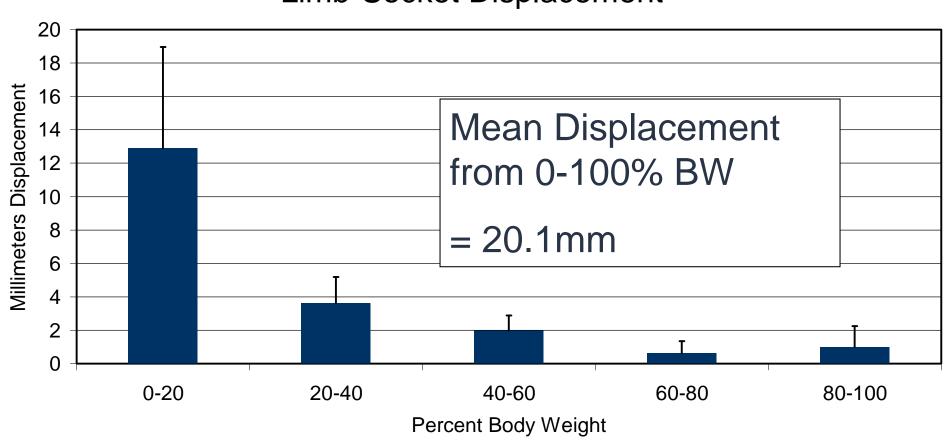


 Trans-tibial Amputations: Reliability of Kinetic and Videofluoroscopic assessment in Global War on Terrorism Veterans (Tucker, Wilken, Teyhen, Granville)





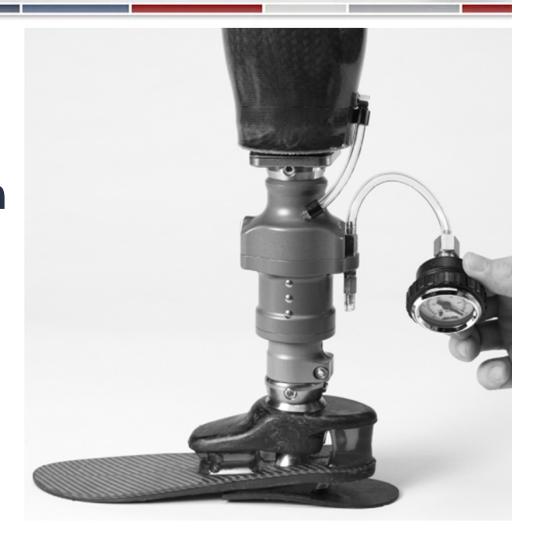
Limb-Socket Displacement





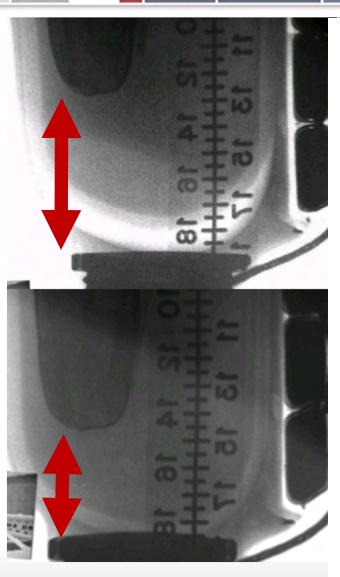
The Effect of Vacuum Assisted Suction Suspension on Limb-Socket Dynamics, Physical Performance and Perception

(Wilken, Darter, Dingwell)



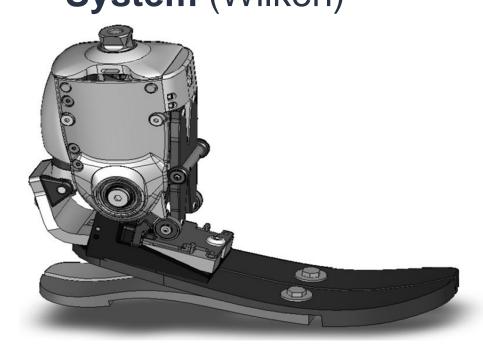


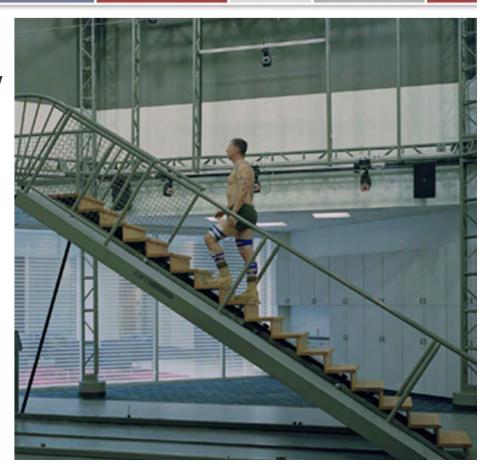
18.4 mm





 Initial Clinical Implementation of a New Microprocessor Controlled Powered Prosthetic Foot/Ankle System (Wilken)





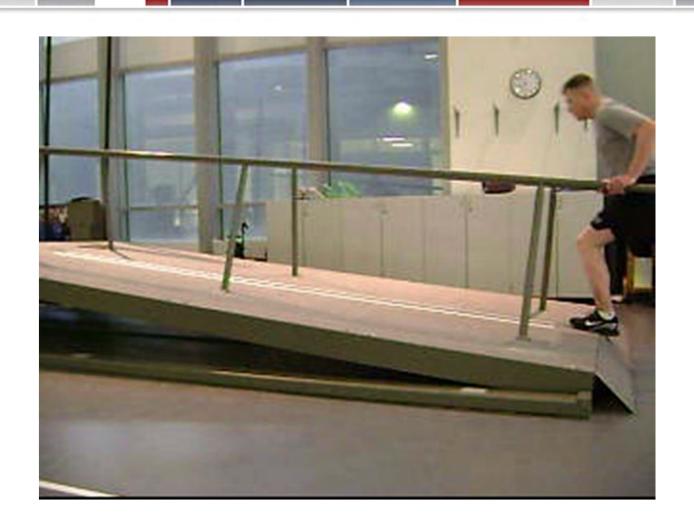


- Prosthetic feet are unable to fully replicate the function of the intact ankle
- Act as a spring returning stored energy
- Persistent gait deviations
 - Asymmetry
 - Decreased efficiency
 - Low back pain
 - Osteoarthritis



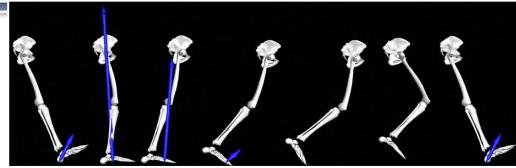


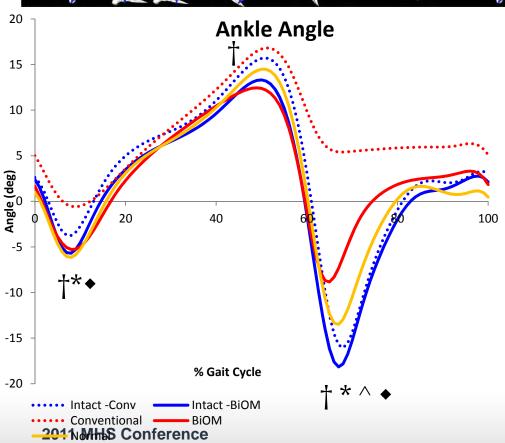




Ankle Angle



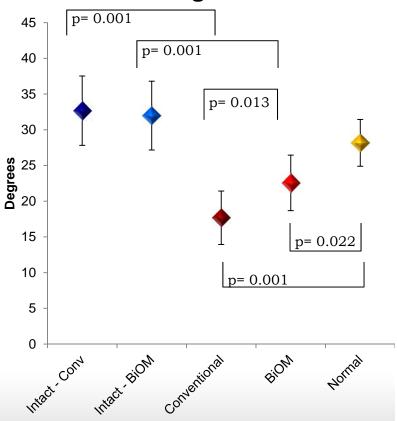




Symbol Significance Between

- † Conventional and PF
- Conventional and Intact
- BiOM and Intact
- Normal and Conventional

Ankle Range of Motion

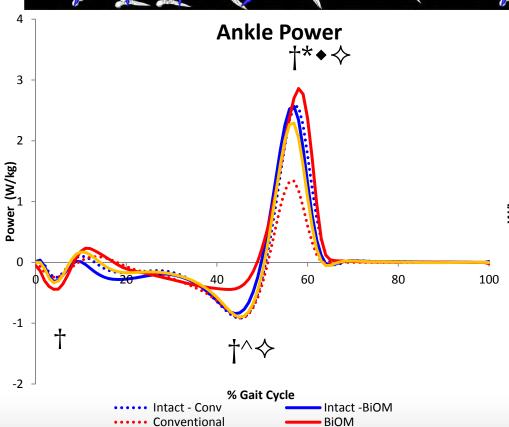






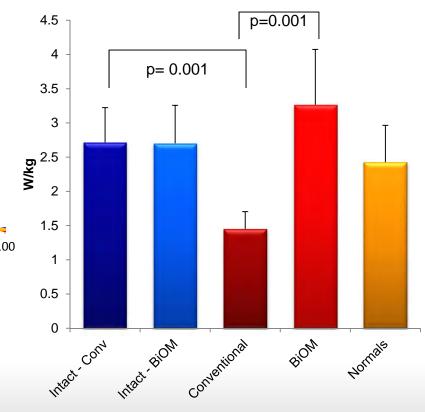
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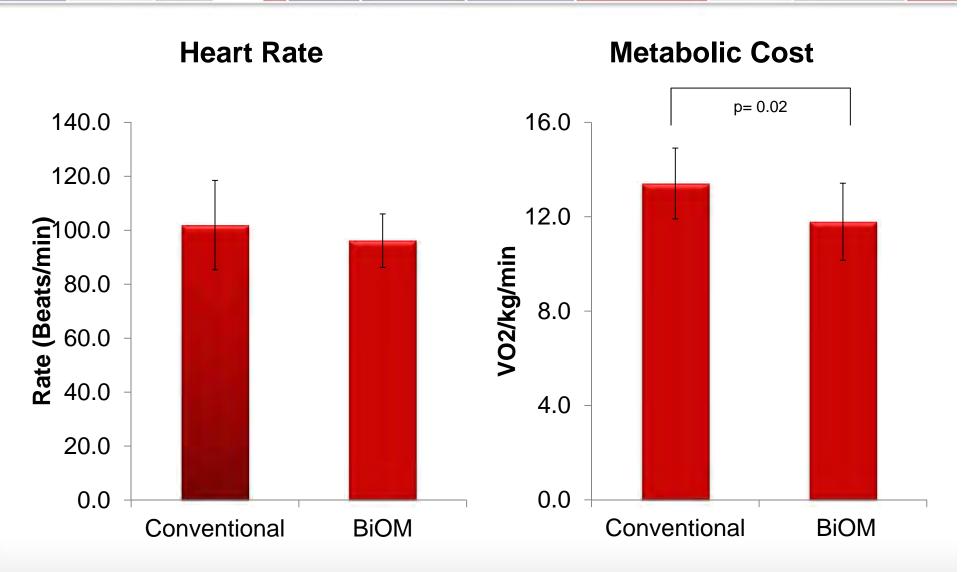
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Peak Ankle Power



Metabolic Cost







 The Effect of Ankle-Foot Orthosis Type on Agility, Power and Running Performance in Patients Undergoing Limb Salvage after Severe Lower Extremity Trauma







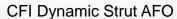
- Available orthoses are unable to meet the demands of many injured service members
- Provide inadequate support and energy return
- Problem: Functional limitations
 (Consider amputation to improve function)
- Solution:
 Intrepid Dynamic Exoskeletal Orthosis (IDEO)

Intrepid Dynamic Exoskeletal Orthosis



- Reinforced Carbon lamination
- Proximal supportive bivalve or monolithic cuff
- Low profile supramalleolar foot section
- Modular Trulife Littig dynamic carbon strut







Ossur Cheetah Sprint foot





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Hypothesis: Use of the IDEO leads to improved performance on functional measures of speed, power and agility as compared to commercial off the shelf orthoses and no brace.



- Eighteen Patients
 - IDEO
 - Allard Blue Rocker (BR)
 - Posterior Leaf Spring (PLS)
 - No brace (NONE)
- One testing session
- Brace order randomized





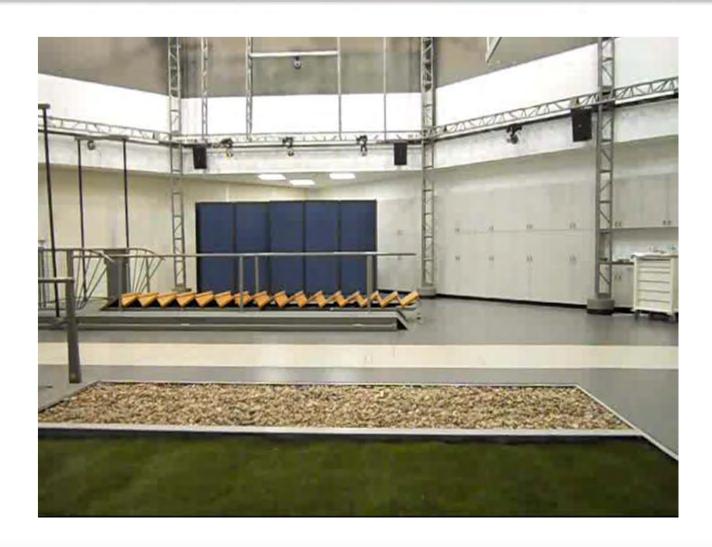
Running – Without AFO





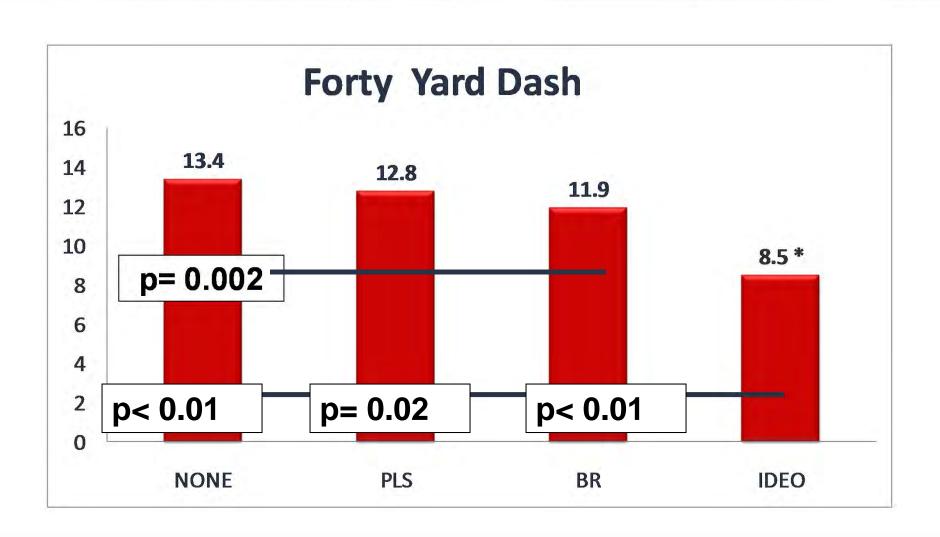
Running – With IDEO





Forty Yard Dash





Five Time Sit to Stand

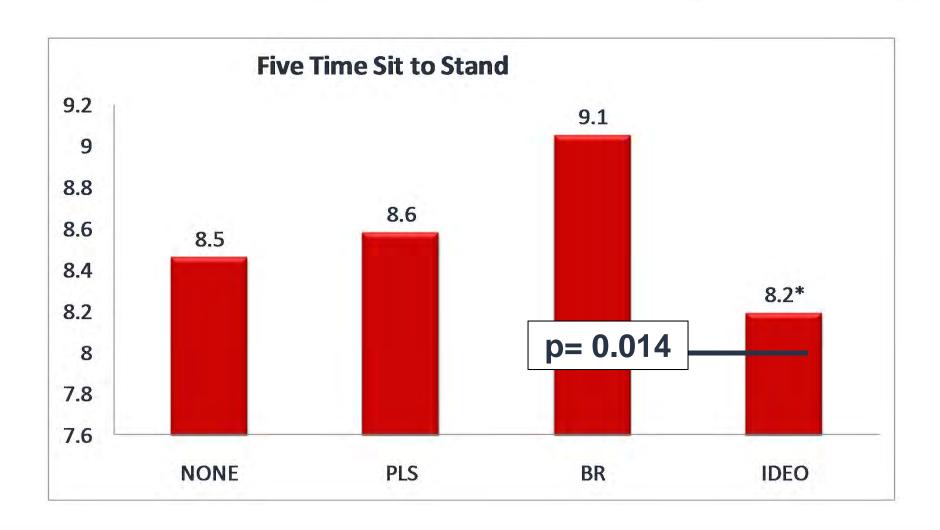


- Five Time Sit to Stand (5STS)
 - Commonly performed to assess lower extremity strength, endurance, and mobility (Whitney, 2005)
 - Tests ability to rise from a chair and sit back down five times in quick succession
 - 3 trials



Five Time Sit to Stand





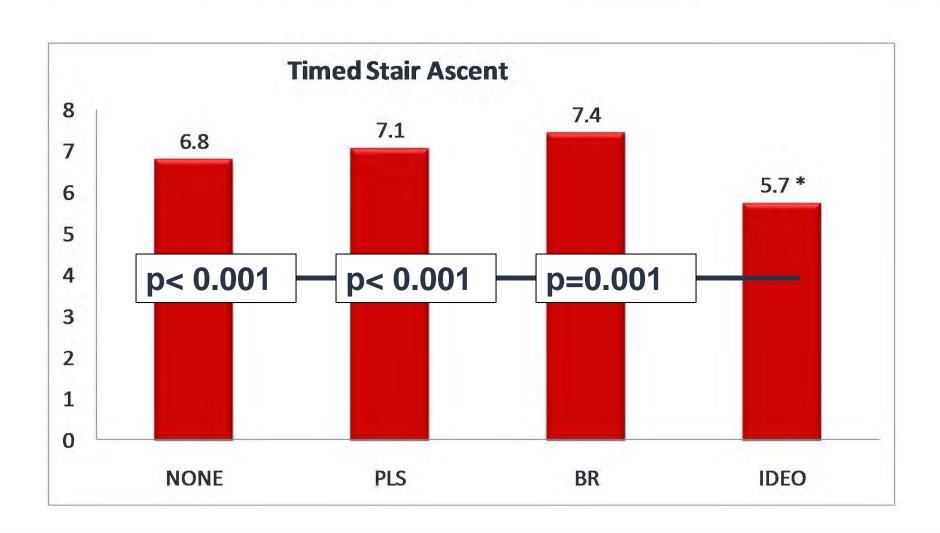
Timed Stair Ascent





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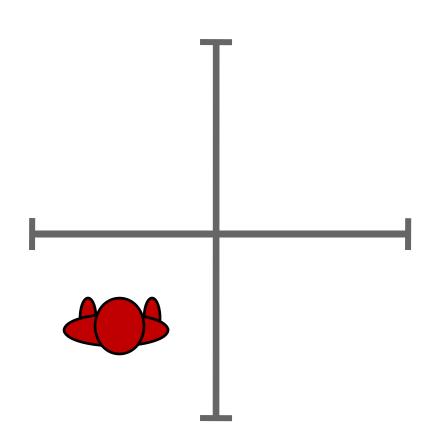


Four Square Step Test



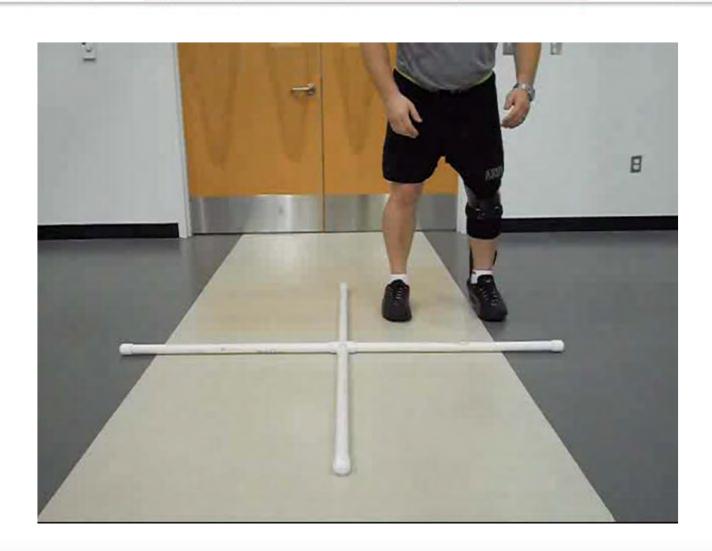
Four Square Step Test (FSST)

- A dynamic test of balance and mobility (Whitney, 2007)
- Test measures ability to move forward, backwards, and laterally over an approximately one inch obstacle
- One practice trial followed by 4 timed trials



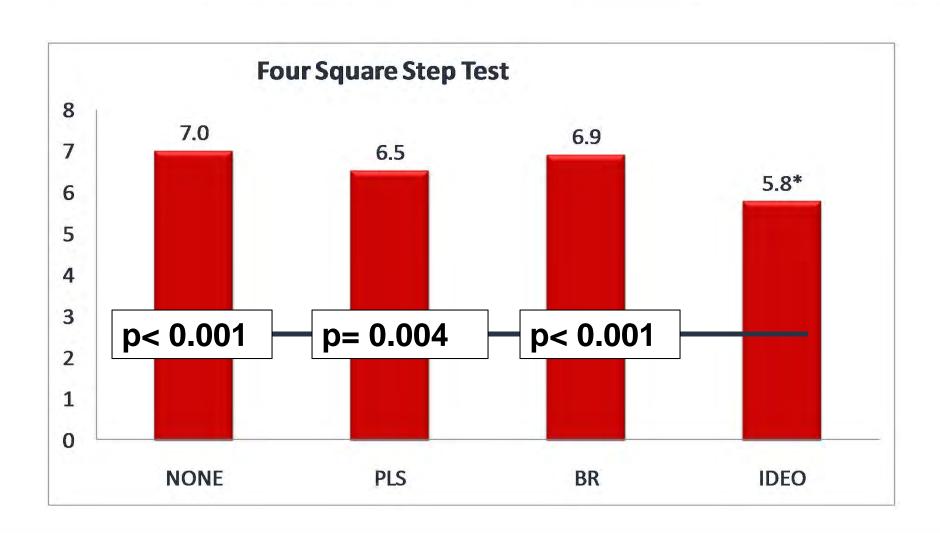
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Four Square Step Test





Results



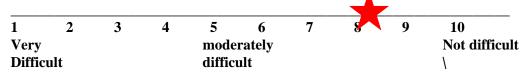
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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8 9	10
Not			Very					
Comf	fortable			comfor	table			comfortable

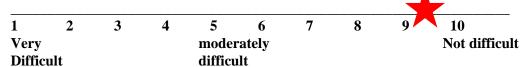
2. How frequently do you develop skin problems (blisters, rash, abrasions, etc) in the IDEO?

1	2.	3	4	5	6	7	8 9	10
Very	_	3	•	Some	times		0	Rarely
Often								-

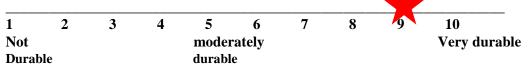
3. How difficult is it to put on or take off the IDEO?



4. How difficult do you find it to keep the IDEO clean?



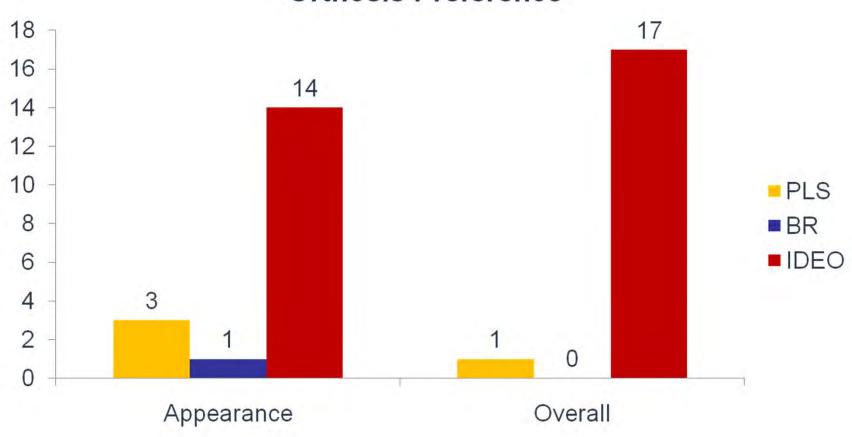
5. How durable do you find the IDEO?



Results



Orthosis Preference



Clinical Outcomes



- 13 patients were considering amputation
 - 8 selected to continue limb salvage
 - 2 undecided
 - 3 selected amputation
- Significant improvements in physical performance
- Continued room for improvement

Conclusion



 Recent advances in prosthetics and orthotics hold great promise for maximizing physical function for patients who have experienced severe extremity trauma

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